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1. Walter Reynolds called to alert me that the action of the Senate Government Operations Committee on the transfer of two transmitters was to disapprove the transaction and GSA will be notified. However, the Committee will indicate that they will accept appropriate notification of approval by Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Foreign Relations Committee. In addition, Senator Mundt had raised the question whether USIA could use this equipment in their new North Carolina installation. An effort will be made to include this in the DCI's briefing of the Senate Armed Services Committee on 8 August 1958.

2. Telephoned William Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee, and confirmed the time of 10:30 a.m. on Friday, 8 August 1958, for the Director's appearance before the Committee. The meeting will be held in Senator Russell's office, 205 Senate Office Building.

3. Spencer Berensford, Special Counsel, House Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration, called to indicate that Representative McCormack, Chairman of the Committee, desired a briefing from the Agency. Berensford stated that since the Committee has been in operation it has gained some knowledge but felt it would like to be briefed on any possible developments. This was mentioned to the Director and he appeared reluctant to comply but did ask that we review the previous briefing and see if there were any significant changes. In addition, Berensford stated that they intended to hold some hearings in a few days on UFO. However, the hearings will not be so described and they will be referred to as examination of upper atmosphere phenomena. The hearings will be in executive session and they thought we might wish to participate as an observer. In addition, he wanted some suggestions from us as to possible witnesses. This matter will be checked with OSI.

4. The Director appeared before the Subcommittee on State Department Organization and Foreign Operations of House Foreign Affairs Committee for approximately two hours. The session went very well and Mr. Hays, Chairman of the Subcommittee, was very complimentary to the Director and the Agency. See Memorandum for the Record.